

April 27, 2025

Announcements

Randel Koon

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Tripp Yancey (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman

Count and Usher

Brice Lindley & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (04/30/25)

OUR RECORD

April 20, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 87

Sunday Morning Worship: 110

Sunday Evening Worship: 76

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 69

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A “TROUBLING” VERSE

By Mark Lindley

I recently heard a preacher on the radio say that a certain verse was “troubling” for some. The verse he referred to is Acts 2:38: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” The preacher said that this verse is troubling because it “seems to say that baptism is for the remission of sins.” His understanding was correct. This verse not only “seems” to say, but it actually “does” say that “baptism is for the remission of sins.”

But why would that thought be troubling for some? The preacher explained that he did not believe baptism was necessary for salvation. He said that Acts 2:38 seems to teach that baptism “is” necessary for salvation. Therefore, he said this verse was “troubling.”

However, there is no reason for any person to be troubled by the teaching of this verse. The solution is to accept what it teaches, and then there will be no reason for a person to feel disturbed by Peter’s statement.

Nevertheless, instead of accepting the clear teaching of the verse, some attempt to interpret the verse so that it fits with their view that baptism is not necessary for salvation. One such attempt is made by saying that the word “for” in Acts 2:38 actually means “because of.” If this is true, then the verse actually teaches that one should repent and be baptized “because one’s sins have been forgiven.”

But this interpretation will not stand. The word “for” in this text does not mean “because of”; rather, “for” means “in order to obtain” the forgiveness of sins. Consider the following: Jesus said that He would shed His blood “for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28). “For the remission of sins” in Matthew 26:28 is identical, in Greek and English, to “for the remission of sins” in Acts 2:38. If “for” means “because of,” then Jesus shed His blood “because of” the remission of sins? But that cannot be true. Jesus shed His blood “in order” for sinners to receive the remission of sins (cf. Hebrews 9:22).

In addition, after Peter instructed his audience to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, he then urged them: “Save yourselves from this untoward generation” (Acts 2:40). However, if the people were saved already, then there would have been no reason for Peter to urge them to be saved. This shows that the people needed to be saved, and, therefore, “for the remission of sins” means “in order to be forgiven.”

Let us resolve that Acts 2:38 will not trouble us. Rather, let us “gladly receive” the Word (Acts 2:41)!

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

Lord, Give Us More...
By Steve Higginbotham

It is often the case that when God’s people stand in opposition to cultural trends which violate the will of God, our society will attempt to discredit our opposition by "name-calling" and "false-labeling." However, such tactics should not dissuade one who is standing in the right. God’s people have been called troublemakers (1 Kings 18:17), feeble (Nehemiah 4:2), law-breakers (Acts 16:21), and even Jesus was thought by his own family to be insane (Mark 3:21). Since the disciple is not above his master (Matthew 10:24), it should come as no surprise that we will sometimes have to endure slander, misrepresentation, and ugly names. However...

- If opposing homosexual marriage is being homophobic, Lord, give us more homophobes!
- If demanding obedience to the Bible is legalism, Lord, give us more legalists!
- If opposing divorce, except for the cause of fornication, is idealistic, Lord, give us more idealists!
- If opposing women leadership in the church is chauvinism, Lord, give us more chauvinists!
- If dressing modestly is prudish, Lord, give us more prudes!
- If opposing abortion is right wing, Lord, give us more right-wingers!
- If believing in the inerrancy of Scripture is fundamentalism, Lord, give us more fundamentalists!
- If total commitment is fanaticism, Lord, give us more fanatics!
- If believing one should be a virgin when one marries is Puritanism, Lord, give us more puritans!
- If believing in creation is foolish and unenlightened, Lord, give us more fools!
- Just remember this truth: It doesn’t matter what names the world may call us so long as the Lord calls us “right!”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BABY SHOWER

A sweet BABY BOY is on his way!

Bryana Hobson

Sunday, April 27th
3:30-5:30

South Main Events -102 South Main Street
Diapers, Wipes or Gift Cards Requested

SENIOR DAY

Sunday, May 11th

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Congratulations to our 2025 graduating
high school senior:

MiKayla Hope Chapman

*Please make plans to join us in
wishing her well in her future
endeavors.*

BABY SHOWER

A sweet BABY BOY is on his way!

Breanna Bullock

Sunday, May 18th
3:30-4:30

Chapman Fellowship Hall

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15-18

10 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship
2 PM Evening Service
(VBS after Evening Service)
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

❖ EXPECTING MOTHERS

❖ SICK AT HOME: Pat Shackelford,
Juan Stroupe

❖ HOSPITAL: Mike Stroupe

❖ EXTENDED ILLNESS: Caleb
McAlister, Wilma Wood, Pam Mathis,
Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe
Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker
Perry

❖ CANCER: Cindy Moffitt, Nadine Hurt,
Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny
Wallis, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael,
Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s
Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s
Father), Loxlee Eaton, David South,
Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra
Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin
Wentz

❖ SHUT-INS: *Home:* Janie Chapman,
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